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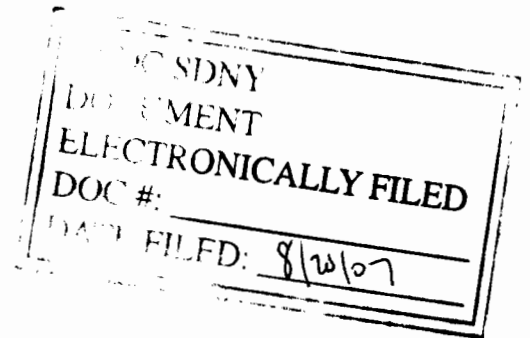
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August 13, 2007

**BY HAND**

The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 920  
New York, New York 10007



Re: *Hope v. U.S. Dep't of Housing and Urban  
Development*, 07 Civ. 4726 (KMK) (~~1:07~~)

Dear Judge Karas:

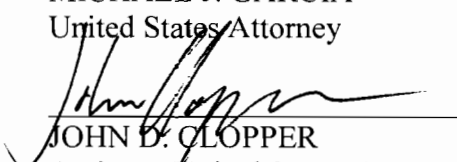
I write respectfully to request a one-month extension of the Government's time to answer the complaint in the above-referenced matter, from August 20, 2007, to September 20, 2007. This Office has not yet received the agency file from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and we therefore request the additional time in order to obtain and review the file so that we may respond to the allegations in the complaint.

This is the Government's first request for an extension of time to respond to the complaint. I have spoken with counsel for plaintiff, Ning Ye, and he consents to this request.

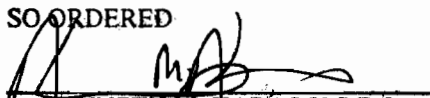
Respectfully,

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SO ORDERED

  
KENNETH M. KARAS U.S.D.J.  
8/17/07

Granted.